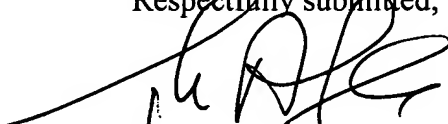


REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 14-16 are allowed. Claims 1-13 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application based on claims 1-13.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. A. Gallagher', is written over the printed name and registration number.

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